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1. Japanese patent publication number 2000-269108. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
2. Japanese patent publication number 11-195572. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
3. Japanese patent publication number 01-198042. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
4. Japanese patent publication number 05-036644. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

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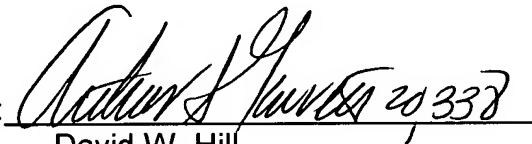
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